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ROMANS 13:1-7



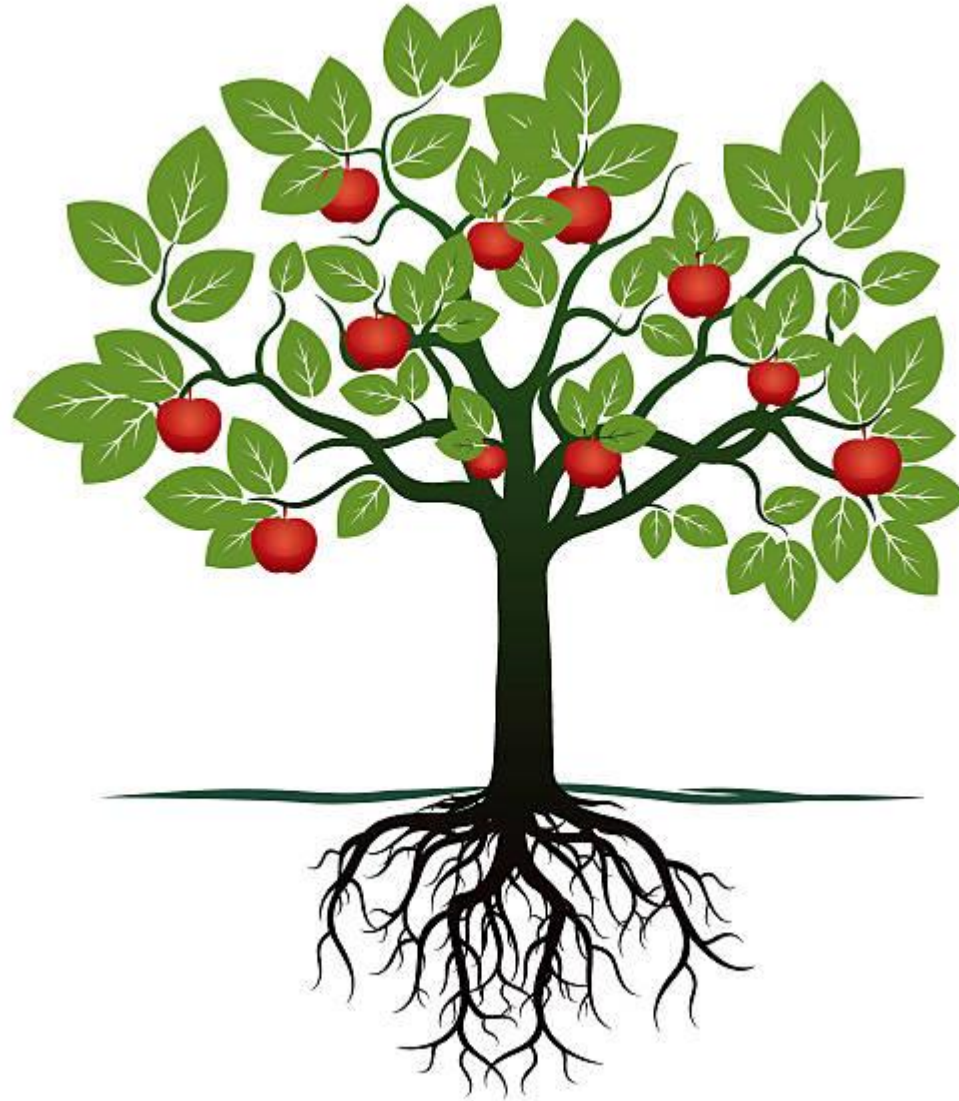
Do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed
by the renewing of your mind.

(Romans 12:2)



A tree is known by its fruit.

(Matthew 12:33)



Living it out

A transformed life

The teaching

A renewed mind

Who is left out? Popes?
Apostles? Evangelists?
Prophets? You? Me?

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities.

(Romans 13:1)

Also: Titus 3:1

1 Peter 2:11-17

Objection: *“We ought to obey God rather than men.”*

(Acts 5:29)

Why should we be subject?

For there is no authority except from God,
and the authorities that exist are **appointed by God**.

(Romans 13:1)

*“...The Most High rules in the kingdom of men,
and gives it to whomever He chooses.”*

(Daniel 4:25)

Objection:

- Governments rise and fall for rational reasons.
- Did God “appoint” Adolf Hitler?



Therefore whoever resists the authority
resists **the ordinance of God**,

The ordinance of God:
What God has appointed
or arranged.

and those who resist
will bring judgment on themselves.

(Romans 13:2)

For rulers are not a terror to **good works**, but to **evil**.
(Romans 13:3)

Objection:

- Many governments are corrupt!
- Many governments oppose the gospel!

For he is **God's minister** to you for good.

But if you do evil, be afraid;
for he does not bear the sword in vain;

for he is **God's minister**,
an avenger to execute **wrath**
on him who practices evil.

**God's
wrath!**

God's minister =
"diakonos"
= A servant, attendant,
table waiter



Therefore you must be subject,
not only because of **wrath**
but also for **conscience'** sake.



*Your conscience
towards God*

(Romans 13:5)

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For because of this you also pay taxes,
for they are **God's ministers**
attending continually to this very thing.

(Romans 13:6)

Render **therefore** to all their due:

- **taxes** to whom taxes are due,
- **customs** to whom customs,
- **fear** to whom fear,
- **honour** to whom honour.



(Romans 13:7)

Summary:

GOD

*The Most High rules
in the kingdom of men*
(Daniel 4:17)

The world

Governments

Purpose: to
restrain sin

Nations

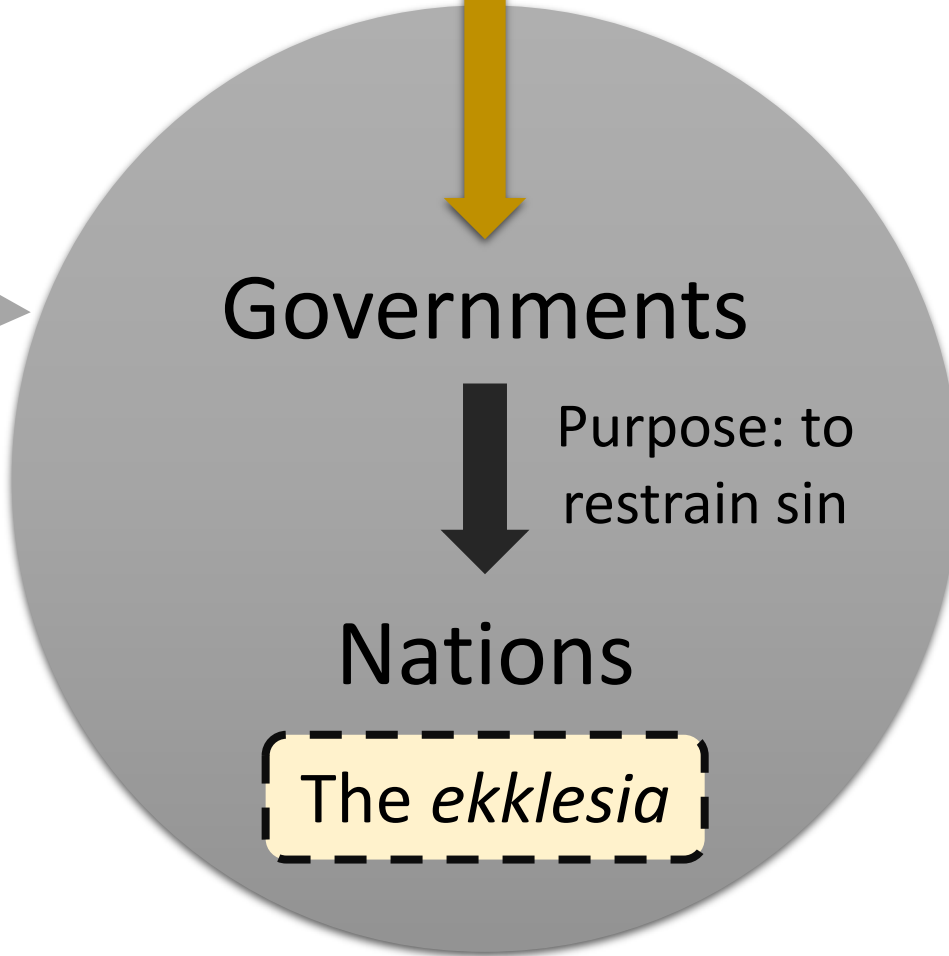
The *ekklesia*

Authorities

Communities

The church's mission:

To be and to make
disciples of Jesus Christ,
learning from Him
and obeying Him.



I exhort ... that **prayers** ... be made for all men,
for kings and **all** who are in authority,
that we may lead a **quiet and peaceable life**
in all **godliness and reverence**.

(1 Timothy 2:1-2)

FOR MISSION NOT COMFORT

Conclusion:

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and to God the things that are God's.***

(Matthew 22:21)



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